

**MANDATORY BLOOD LEAD TESTING
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
MAY 2021**

It is the end of the school year and we would like to give you a heads up of the Mandatory Blood Lead Testing (kindergartner blood-lead testing match) for the 2021-2022 school year. For those who may be new, please take the time to read the Mandatory Blood Lead Testing regulation (See link below.)

What is the kindergartner blood lead testing match about?

Since July 1, 2008, the legislature requires all children entering kindergarten to have at least one lead test (IAC 641, Chapter 67). You can find the legislation at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/05-19-2021.641.67.pdf>. We match the names of your kindergartners with the names of all kindergartners who shows at least one blood lead test in our database.

How would the process work for the kindergartner blood lead data collection of 2021-2022?

It will work as it has previous years. We will send you a regular email with a spreadsheet and instructions attachment to be filled it out with your students' and school's information. After we receive this information from the schools, the Iowa Department of Public Health completes an electronic match with our database. After the match is completed, the Department will send a list back to the school with a list of children who did not have a match in our database meaning that they may need a blood lead test.

What is the period for this process?

- Collection of data: From August 31, 2021 to November 1, 2021.
- Report from IDPH to schools: Middle of December 2021 – Beginning of January 2022
- Letter from schools to parents: Middle of January of 2022.

Who are the kindergartners that I need to report for this blood lead data match?

All kindergartners enrolled on the 2021-2022 school year, regardless if they are home schooling and have or not a blood lead test.

Can children in pre-kindergarten, junior kindergarten, etc. be part of the data collection?

No, the requirement does not apply to them.

Would my school need to collect blood lead tests from kindergartners?

No, unless your school chooses to. You are not required to collect blood lead tests prior, during or after your kindergartners is enrolled in the new school year.

If my Kindergartner received a blood lead test at early age, would he/she need to be retested?

No, there is no need of an additional test.

If a parent states that, his/her kindergartner does not need a blood lead test, what should I do?

Have them contact us by the emails and phone numbers below.

I will not be involved with the kindergartner's school data for the new school year, what should I do?

Have your school contact us with the new person's contact information.

Do you want to know more about the Mandatory Blood Lead Testing?

Visit <https://idph.iowa.gov/lpp/blood-lead-testing>

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